

Introduction

There are a number of general job vacancy websites which cover lots of industries and job types. Many of these names are well known, such as *Monster* and *Totaljobs* and contain tens of thousands of jobs at any one time. You should look at the general sites along with any industry or functional sites that you also use.

They cover wide ranges of salaries, not just at the lower end of the range.

The largest sites all have very good functionality – for instance they allow you to personalise your searching, by registering and being able to save searches or receive alerts by email. This can really help to cut down on your time, but it is important to get your search criteria right. We have another document all about effective searching on job vacancy sites – you can download this from the Catalogue.

Be prepared to find some duplication amongst job vacancy sites, particularly since many are owned by the same few companies. So for instance you might see the same job advertised on a general site and an industry specific site.

Here are a selection of the main generalist job sites:

Fish4Jobs

<http://www.fish4jobs.co.uk>

Fish4Jobs covers a wide range of industries and functions. You can search by industry sector, date posted, job title, location (radius), salary, job type, working hours and keyword. If you register, you can save jobs and receive alerts of new jobs matching your criteria. Alerts by email and RSS.

Hot Recruit

<http://www.hotrecruit.com>

This is a general site which specialises in sectors with high staff turnover such as retail, hospitality or leisure. There are lots of seasonal and temporary jobs, making this a useful site for filling gap years. The site is probably aimed at younger job seekers, graduates and outdoor sporty types. Search by keyword, location, category, type, term and salary. Alerts by email.

Jobs in...

<http://www.jobsin.co.uk>

Jobsin covers vacancies in all industry sectors. You can search by keyword, location, category, employer type, date and minimum salary. Log in to save jobs and set up email alerts. Alerts by email only.

Jobsearch

<http://www.jobsearch.co.uk>

Jobsearch is the main site for Hotgroup, owners of Planet Recruit, Hot Recruit and the Jobsin sites. All the Hotonline jobs go on here. You can search by keyword, location, category, employer type, date and minimum salary. Log in to save jobs and set up email alerts. Alerts by email only.

Jobsite

<http://www.jobsite.co.uk>

Search by keyword, skills, location, salary, industry and job type. You can register for alerts, online applications, saving your CV and tracking the progress of applications. Alerts by email and RSS. Jobsite also has a smartphone application.

Monster

<http://www.monster.co.uk>

Monster covers a very wide range of industries and functions. You can search by location, function/industry, type of job (eg part time), company and keyword. If you register you can receive alerts of relevant jobs, upload your cv and apply for jobs online. Alerts by email and RSS.

Planet Recruit

<http://www.planetreruit.com>

This is a generalist site with a technical focus. You can search by keyword, location, category, employer type, date and minimum salary. Log in to save jobs and set up email alerts. Alerts by email only.

Reed

<http://www.reed.co.uk>

The UK's biggest job vacancy site. Search by keyword, sector, location, salary and job type. You can also browse jobs by locality and there is a good company search. Alerts by email and RSS.

Total Jobs

<http://www.totaljobs.com>

Total Jobs is a huge database of jobs. You can search by sector, location, salary range, type and keyword. You can register for daily email alerts and add your CV to the database. Alerts by email and RSS.

Workthing

<http://www.workthing.com>

This is a generalist site containing only employer-advertised roles. You can search by keyword, location, minimum salary, category, term and type. If you register you can save jobs and receive email alerts. Alerts by email only.